

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2004 (Paper No. 7), the Examiner: objected to claims 4 and 11 as being of improper dependent form; rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement; and rejected claims 1-14 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0204814 to Elo et al. ("Elo").

In this response, Applicants cancel claims 4 and 11, and amend claims 1 and 8 to more particularly point out and distinctly claim Applicants' invention. Support for the claim amendments are provided throughout the specification. The amendments add no new matter. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection. Further examination and review in view of the remarks below are respectfully requested.

Applicants' techniques are directed to a network centric, thin client HTML application for enabling rapid and easy configuration of page delivery language objects. In some cases, Applicants' techniques involve configuring HTML display objects by defining a relevant business object model, building and configuring HTML display objects based on the business object model, and assembling the HTML display objects into an HTML application. The business object model is defined using style sheets and templates, and the HTML display objects are stored separately from the style sheets and templates.

I. Claim Objections

The Examiner objected to claims 4 and 11 as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 4 and 11 have been cancelled as requested by the Examiner.

II. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph

The Examiner rejected all the claims for reciting "views," as a type of display object that is not defined in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention. Applicants respectfully disagree. Applicants respectfully submit that

"views" as a type of display object is sufficiently described throughout the specification -- particularly in the last paragraph on page 5 and Fig. 3 -- to enable one skilled in the art to make and/or use the invention.

III. Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

All of the claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Elo. Elo is directed to creating an on-line document from raw text. In Elo, an XML file is created from the raw text of an article and stored in a file system. An XSL file provides templates containing computational relationships between the text and images. The XML and XSL style sheets are combined to generate an HTML file containing an on-line story.

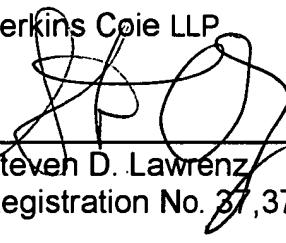
While Applicants regard claims 1 and 8 to be patentable over Elo in their present form, Applicants hereby amend claim 1 to explicitly recite "define business object models from stored style sheets and templates" and "build and configure HTML display objects based on the business object models, the HTML display objects including applets and views in a page delivery language, said display objects being stored separately from said style sheets and templates." Claim 8 is amended to include similar language. Elo neither discloses, suggests nor teaches defining business object models from stored style sheets and templates, building and configuring HTML display objects based on the business object models, or storing the display objects separate from the style sheets and templates, as recited. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1 and 8 as amended, and their respective dependent claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 9, 10, 12-14, are unarguably patentable over Elo.

VI. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-3, 5-10 and 12-14 are allowable and ask that this application be passed to allowance. If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 359-8000.

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